



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

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April 28, 2006

Ernest Johnson, Director
Utilities Division
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Mr. Johnson:

Re: **Docket No. G-01551A-04-0876; Decision No. 68487**

Pursuant to Commission Decision No. 68487 (Finding of Fact #40) issued in Docket No. G-01551A-04-0876, Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) is required to provide the Arizona Corporation Commission Staff a copy of Southwest's initial filing in any new FERC docket which relates to Southwest's service in Arizona.

Attached is Southwest's "Motion to Intervene of Southwest Gas Corporation" in El Paso Natural Gas Company's FERC Docket No. RP06-310-000.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

El Paso Natural Gas Company

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Docket No. RP06-310-000

MOTION TO INTERVENE
OF SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Pursuant to Rule 214 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission), 18 C.F.R. Section 385.214, and the Commission's notice issued in the above-captioned proceeding on April 25, 2006, Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) hereby moves to intervene in this proceeding with all rights of a party.

In support hereof, Southwest shows as follows:

I.

It is requested that all correspondence or communications with respect to this proceeding be sent to each of the following:

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II.

Southwest is a public utility engaged in, *inter alia*, the intrastate transmission, distribution, and sale of natural gas in certain portions of the states of California, Arizona, and Nevada pursuant to certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the California Public Utilities Commission, the Arizona Corporation Commission, and the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. Southwest has been granted exemptions under Section 1(c) of the Natural Gas Act with respect to these operations (see 15 F.P.C. 1104, 16 F.P.C. 713, and 29 F.P.C. 584).

Southwest receives a substantial portion of its natural gas supplies for its systems in southern Nevada and Arizona from El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso).

III.

On April 14, 2006, El Paso tendered for filing and acceptance in Docket No. RP06-310-000 certain revised tariff sheets as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1-A to become effective June 1, 2006.

The revised tariff sheets add rates for service to the Blythe, California delivery point (IBlythe, DRN 305261) under El Paso Rate Schedules IHSW, FTH-8 and FTH-16. El Paso states that it is responding to a specific request to provide service at the Blythe delivery point. Additionally, El Paso requests that the Commission accept these tariff sheets and make them subject to refund and the outcome of the Docket No. RP05-422-000 proceeding.

IV.

As a customer of El Paso, Southwest is dependent upon El Paso for supplies of natural gas and is subject to the rates that the Commission authorizes El Paso to collect for its transportation of gas. An order in this proceeding may have a direct impact upon Southwest. Southwest thus has an interest which will

be directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding. Southwest's interest cannot be adequately represented by any other party in this proceeding.

Southwest requests intervention so that it may appropriately represent its interests as circumstances warrant in this proceeding. Southwest requests the right to participate fully as a party in any conferences, hearings, or other proceedings which may be convened herein.

V.

WHEREFORE, Southwest requests that it be permitted to intervene in this proceeding with full rights of a party.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

/s/ Edward C. McMurtrie

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April 26, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Commission in this proceeding.

Dated at Las Vegas, Nevada, this 26thth day of April, 2006.

/s/ Edward C. McMurtrie

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